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World Autism Day

WHAT IS AUTISM?

- Autism is a bio-neurological developmental disability that generally appears before the age of 3.
- Autism impacts the brain's normal development in social interaction, communication skills, and cognitive function. Individuals with autism typically struggle with verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities.

HOW CAN POLMED ASSIST?



Individuals with autism often suffer from numerous co-morbid medical conditions, which may include allergies, asthma, epilepsy, digestive disorders, persistent viral infections, feeding disorders, sensory integration dysfunction, sleeping disorders, and more. POLMED members and beneficiaries can be assisted with these conditions.



Autism itself does not affect life expectancy. However, research has shown that the mortality risk among individuals with autism is twice as high as the general population, in large part due to drowning and other accidents.



Important to Note:

Currently, there is no cure for autism, though with early intervention and treatment, the diverse symptoms related to autism can be significantly improved and, in some cases, completely overcome.

To enrol a member on the Mental Health Programme, dial 0860 765 633. Select the member option and then Mental Health/Disease Management (option 8)

Regards,
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